ARLINGTON HALL STATION, BUILDING 114 4000 Arlington Boulevard Arlington County Virginia

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Location:

Located in the southeast quadrant of Arlington Hall Station, at the northwest corner of C and Fourth Streets. Arlington Hall Station is located at 4000 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia.

Significance:

Constructed in I944 as the Post Engineer's Building, Building I14 was part of the second major building campaign initiated by the U.S. Army at Arlington Hall Station, the former site of Arlington Hall Junior College (1927-1942). It is associated with the nationally significant development of Arlington Hall Station as the headquarters of United States Army intelligence activities during World War II. (For overview of Arlington Hall Station, see HABS No. VA-1270).

Oescription:

Building 114 is a rectangular, double-height building measuring approximately II5 feet by 35 feet. The building is situated on a sloping site. Both stories are exposed on the north facade, while only the upper story is revealed on the south facade. Entries on the south facade are protected by a flat roof supported on steel pipe columns. A small concrete loading dock is located at the building's southeast corner. The upper story is clad in asbestos shingles while the lower story consists of concrete block. A shallow modified gabled roof covers the building.

Window openings include both one-over-one wood awning sash and eight-over-eight wood double-hung sash with concrete sills. Multi-light paneled wood doors occur throughout. Office space on the upper floor radiates from a longitudinal corridor while the lower floor is largely open in plan.

History:

Building 114 was constructed in 1944 as the Post Engineer's building. The building's upper level was altered at an unknown date from a predominantly open plan to individual offices. In 1953 asbestos shingles were installed on the building's side and rear walls. The building has undergone general maintenance and repair since 1944.

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